COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: R2009-02240 / RADVT200900009 / RENVT200900071

1. DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of a Community Standards

District (CSD) zoning ordinance amendment to both the Altadena Community Plan and CSD. It is intended to protect hillsides and significant ridgelines in hillside management areas with slopes of 25% or greater. The CSD amendment establishes additional development standards relating to project review, project design, and grading to ensure that development proposals in hillside management areas are consistent with the goals and policies of the Altadena Community Plan as well as the standards of the Altadena CSD. This is not a development project nor does it propose additional development beyond what is allowed under the existing General Plan and County Zoning Ordinance.

2. LOCATION: Altadena

3. PROPONENT: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

4. <u>FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:</u>
BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

5. THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED IS: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

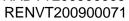
PREPARED BY: Emma Howard

Regional Planning Assistant II

DATE: January 14, 2010

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CASES: RADVT200900009





* * * * INITIAL STUDY * * * * **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

GENERAL INFORMATION

C.S. Map Date:	January 14, 2010	Staff Member: Emma Howard
Thomas Guide:	Pages 535, 536, 566	USGS Quad: Pasadena, Mt. Wilson
Location:	northeast of the Los Angeles Civic Pasadena to the west, south and sou	Altadena is located approximately 16 miles of Center. It is bounded by the City of autheast and by the Angeles National Forest Itadena Community CSD Planning Area is dena.
Description of Project:	ordinance amendment to the Altade significant ridgelines in hillside man greater. The proposed CSD amen standards relating to project review, development proposals in hillside man goals and policies of the Altadena C the Altadena CSD. This is not a	community Standards District (CSD) zoning ena CSD intended to protect hillsides and inagement areas with slopes of 25% or idment establishes additional development project design, and grading to ensure that nanagement areas are consistent with the ommunity Plan as well as the standards of development project nor does it propose is allowed under the existing General Plan
	exception of additions to single family to accessory structures which are of feet will be required to undergo at lead Any grading conducted within the hill	r's hillside management areas with the varieties, and the creation of or addition cumulatively no greater than 1,000 square at a minor conditional use permit process.
2	cubic yards will require a conditional (use permit.
Gross Area:	5,604 acres (8.76 square miles)	
Environmental Setting:	•	Altadena is a suburban community located a level in the foothills of the San Gabriel

Zoning:	`	I, A-1-10000, R-1-7500, R-1-10000, R-1-20000, R-1-40000, R-2, R-4, C-1, C-3, C-M, M-1, R-R)
General Plan:	N/A (Altader	na Community Plan)
Community/Area W	ide Plan:	Altadena Community Plan, various designations (1-Estate/Equestrian, 2-Low Density, 3-Low/Medium Density, 4-Medium Density, BP-Business Park, CB-Commercial/Business, CR- "Center" Mixed Use, FC-Flood Control Facilities, I-Institutions, NF-National Forest, N-Non-Urban, PR-Public & Private Recreation, TC-Transportation Corridor, U-Utilities, SP-Specific Plan)

Major projects in area:

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Project Number	Description	Status
N/A		

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

Responsible Agencies	REVIEWING AGENCIES Special Reviewing Agencies	Regional Significance		
None	None	None Non		
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	SCAG Criteria		
	☐ National Parks	☐ Air Quality☐ Water Resources		
Lahontan Region	National Forest □	☐ Santa Monica Mtns Area		
☐ Coastal Commission☑ Army Corps of Engineers	☐ Edwards Air Force Base☐ Resource Conservation			
□ U.S. Fish and Wildlife	District of the Santa Monica Mtns.	County Reviewing Agencies		
Trustee Agencies		⊠ Sanitation Districts		
None	City of La CanadaFlintridge	Fire Department		
		 DPW: Traffic & Lighting, Geotechnical & Materials Engineering, Drainage & 		
State Parks		Grading, Flood Management Environmental Programs		
		□ Public Health		
		□ Parks and Recreation		

			AN	AL۱	/SIS	S SUMMARY (See individual pages for details)
						Less than Significant Impact/No Impact
					Les	s than Significant Impact with Project Mitigation
						Potentially Significant Impact
CATEGORY	FACTOR	Pg				Potential Concern
HAZARDS	1. Geotechnical	5	\boxtimes			
	2. Flood	6	\boxtimes			
	3. Fire	7	\boxtimes			
	4. Noise	8	\boxtimes			
RESOURCES	1. Water Quality	9	\boxtimes			
	2. Air Quality	10	\boxtimes			
	3. Biota	11	\boxtimes			
	4. Cultural Resources	12	\boxtimes			
	5. Mineral Resources	13	\boxtimes			
	6. Agriculture Resources	14	\boxtimes			
	7. Visual Qualities	15	\boxtimes			
SERVICES	1. Traffic/Access	16	\boxtimes			
	2. Sewage Disposal	17	\boxtimes			
	3. Education	18	\boxtimes			
	4. Fire/Sheriff	19	\boxtimes			
	5. Utilities	20	\boxtimes			
OTHER	1. General	21	\boxtimes			
	2. Environmental Safety	22	\boxtimes			
	3. Land Use	23	\boxtimes			
	4. Pop./Hous./Emp./Rec.	24	\boxtimes			
	Mandatory Findings	25				

Environmental Finding:

	L DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of this project qualifies for the following environmental document:	Regional Planning finds that
	NEGATIVE DECLARATION, in as much as the proposed project will not the environment.	have a significant effect on
	An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/se will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.	determined that this project
	MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, in as much as the changes reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or cond	
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	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*, inasmuch as there is substantial enhance a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant."	vidence that the project may
	At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures base described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 1 analyze only the factors not previously addressed.	ed on the earlier analysis as
Revi	ewed by: <u>Emma Howard, Regional Planning Assistant II</u>	Date: <i>January 14, 2010</i>
Appr	oved by: Mitch Glaser, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner	Date: <i>January 14, 2010</i>

HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical

SE	TTIN	G/IMP	ACTS	
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe	Is the project site located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone? Vasquez Creek Fault Zone is located within the CSD Planning Area (Los Angeles County Safety Element – Fault Rupture Hazards & Seismicity Map).
b.				Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)? Areas of potential earthquake-induced landslides exist throughout the CSD Planning Area (State of California Seismic Hazard Zones Map – Pasadena & Mt. Wilson Quads).
C.				Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability? The area affected by this ordinance is located within a landslide zone, and is characterized by steep terrain with slopes of over 25%.
d.				Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction? The area affected by this ordinance is subject to liquefaction (State of California Seismic Hazard Zones Map – Pasadena & Mt. Wilson Quads).
e.				Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard? Sensitive uses may be proposed in the project area.
f.				Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of more than 25%? <u>Grading and topographical alterations may occur in the project area. The entirety of the project area is located on slopes of 25% or more.</u>
g.				Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
h.				Other factors? N/A
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HAZARDS - 2. Flood

2E	IIIN		AC 15	
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe	Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site? The natural areas of the project site contain numerous washes and an adjacent perennial steam, the Arroyo Seco (USGS Pasadena and Mt. Wilson Quad sheets
b.				Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone? (Los Angeles County Safety Element – Flood Inundation Hazards Map)
C.				Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?
d.				Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run off?
e.				Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?
f.				Other factors (e.g., dam failure)? <u>N/A</u>
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				ve information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) y flood (hydrological) factors?
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HAZARDS - 3. Fire

SE	TTING	G/IMP	ACTS	
a.	Yes	No M	Maybe	Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Fire Zone 4)? <u>The CSD Planning Area is located in Fire Zone 4 (Los Angeles County Safety Element – Wildland & Urban Fire Hazards Map).</u>
b.			\boxtimes	Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, widths, surface materials, turnarounds or grade? The CSD Planning Area is within Fire Zone 4,
C.				Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire hazard area?
d.				Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards? The proposed project site is located in an urbanized area and does not require the use of water wells which would be subject to water pressure problems in hillside management areas. The proposed CSD Planning Area is served by various public water purveyors with no known water issues
e.				Is the project site located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)?
f.		\boxtimes		Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?
g.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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HAZARDS - 4. Noise

SE	TTIN	G/IMF	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe	Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)? There are no high noise sources in close proximity to the area affected by this zoning amendment. The closest potential high noise source is Interstate 210, which is located two miles to the southwest in the southern portion of the community of Altadena.
b.				Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity?
C.			\boxtimes	Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project?
d.				Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project?
e.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality

SETTING/IMI	PACTS					
Yes No	Maybe	Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells?				
		The proposed project site is located in an urbanized area and does not require the use of water wells which would be subject to water pressure problems in hillside management areas. The proposed CSD Planning Area is served by various public water purveyors with no known water issues				
b. 🗌 🔀		Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?				
		The community of Altadena is served by a public sewage system				
		If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations <i>or</i> is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?				
c. 🗌 🗎		Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?				
d. 🗌 🗎		Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?				
e. 🗌 🗎		Other factors? <u>N/A</u>				
STANDARD	CODE	REQUIREMENTS				
☐ Industrial \	Waste	Permit Health Code Ordinance No. 7583, Chapter 5				
☐ Plumbing	Code C	Ordinance No. 2269 NPDES Permit Compliance (DPW)				
	ON ME	ASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS				
☐ Lot Size		☐ Project Design				
Project R2009-02240 is not a development project. This project is a zoning amendment to the Altadena CSD zoning establishing higher levels of regulation in hillside management areas in the community of Altadena. Grading in excess of 2,500 cubic yards and all new development in hillside areas (with the exception of new accessory structures, and additions to single family homes and accessory structures under 1,000 square feet) will require conditional use permitting. The overall intent of this project is to reduce environmental and scenic impacts in the sensitive slopes of the Altadena hillsides through increased regulatory review. Future development under this ordinance will undergo established County procedures for addressing noise impacts.						
Considering t	CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, water quality problems?					
☐ Potentially	/ signifi	cant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact				

RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality

SE		G/IMP				
a.	Yes	No M ⊠	/laybe	Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential uses or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for nonresidential uses)?		
b.				Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?		
C.				Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure, or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance?		
d.				Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources which create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?		
e.				Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		
f.		\boxtimes		Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?		
g.				Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?		
h.				Other factors: N/A		
				REQUIREMENTS / Code Section 40506		
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	Proje	ct Des	sign	☐ Air Quality Report		
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	Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, air quality ?					
F	otent	tially si	gnifica	ant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact		

RESOURCES - 3. Biota

SE	TTIN	G/IMF	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No	Maybe	Is the project site located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively
				undisturbed and natural? The area affected by this project is mostly undeveloped and contains extensive natural biota. Portions of the area are within or bordered by the Angeles National forest to the North.
b.				Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas?
C.				Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a blue, dashed line, located on the project site? There are numerous washes and an adjacent perennial steam existing, the Arroyo Seco, on the project site (USGS Pasadena and Mt. Wilson Quad sheets)
d.				Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g., coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian woodland, wetland, etc.)? The area affected by this zoning amendment contains six sensitive vegetative habitats including oak woodland. Source: Shirley Imsand, DRP Staff Biologist
e.				Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)? Oak trees and native trees exist in the area affected by this zoning amendment.
f.				Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)? There are potentially 32 sensitive animals and 30 sensitive plants that may be located within area affected by the zoning amendment. Source: Shirley Imsand, DRP Staff Biologist.
g.				Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)? <u>Riparian areas and sensitive habitats are ecological ecotones that act as wildlife corridors for numerous organisms.</u>
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				ions to single family homes and accessory structures under 1,000 square feet) will require tting. The overall intent of this project is to reduce environmental and scenic impacts in the
				ne Altadena hillsides through increased regulatory review. Future development under this established County procedures for addressing impacts to biotic resources.
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RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological / Historical / Paleontological

SETTING/IMPACTS

a.	Yes	No M	Maybe ⊠	Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity? Oak trees exist in the area affected by this zoning amendment.				
b.				Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources? <u>The project area may contain rock formations that indicate potential paleontological resources.</u>				
C.				Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites? There are no sites on the National Register of Historic Places or California Office of Historic Preservation within the CSD Planning Area.				
d.				Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5? The proposed Altadena CSD zoning amendment establishes a higher level of development standards relating to project review, project design, and grading in hillside management areas. It does not supersede or conflict with existing policy for addressing adverse changes to the significance				
e.				Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? <u>See answer 4.d</u>				
f.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>				
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	Lot S	Size		☐ Project Design ☐ Phase I Archaeology Report				
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RESOURCES - 5. Mineral Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS
Yes No Maybe a. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? There are no mineral discovery sites in the project area.
b. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? There are no mineral discovery sites in the project area.
c.
☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☐ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design
CONCLUSION
Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively on mineral resources?
☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS							
a.	Yes	No M ⊠	Maybe □	Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? The CSD Planning Area does not contain any Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (California Department of Conservation 2006 Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program Map).				
b.				Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or Williamson Act Contract? The County of Los Angeles does not participate in the Williamson Act program.				
C.				Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? The CSD Planning Area does not contain any Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (California Department of Conservation 2006 Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program Map) that could be converted to non-agricultural use.				
d.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>				
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RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities

SE	TTIN	G/IMF	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No ∣	Maybe □	Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic
			_	highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed?
b.				Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail? The Altadena Crest Trail is located in the project area.
C.				Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area, which contains unique aesthetic features? Portions of the CSD Planning Area are not fully developed, and contain aesthetic features such as significant ridgelines.
d.				Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?
e.				Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?
f.				Other factors (e.g., grading or land form alteration): N/A
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	Lot S	Size		☐ Project Design ☐ Visual Report ☐ Compatible Use
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the Al	taden	a hillsi	des the	rough increased regulatory review. Future development under this ordinance will undergodures for addressing impacts to visual resources.
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SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access

SE	TTIN		ACTS	
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe ⊠	Does the project contain 25 dwelling units, or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?
b.				Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
C.				Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
d.				Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
e.				Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
f.				Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?
g.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SE	TTIN	G/IMP	ACTS				
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe ⊠	If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems			
				at the treatment plant?			
b.			\boxtimes	Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?			
C.				Other factors? N/A			
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SERVICES - 3. Education

SE	TTIN	G/IMP	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe ⊠	Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?
b.			\boxtimes	Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools which will serve the project site?
C.			\boxtimes	Could the project create student transportation problems?
d.			\boxtimes	Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?
e.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services

SE	TTIN	G/IMP		
a.	Yes	No N	∕/aybe ⊠	Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site?
b.				Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area? The CSD Planning Area is located in a high fire severity zone (Zone 4), and is served by the Los Angeles County Fire Stations #11 and #12.
C.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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SERVICES - <u>5. Utilities/Other Services</u>

SETTING/IMPACTS
Yes No Maybe a. Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to moderate domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes was wells? The CSD Planning Area is served by various public water companies. Water supply generally adequate.
b. Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and pressure to meet fire fighting needs? Water supply and pressure are generally adequate for fire flow standards in the project area.
c. Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electric gas, or propane?
d. Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?
e. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cau significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service rational response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?
f.
STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS ☐ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269 ☐ Water Code Ordinance No. 7834 ☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☑ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design Project R2009-02240 is not a development project. This project is a zoning amendment to the Altadena CSD zonestablishing higher levels of regulation in hillside management areas in the community of Altadena. Grading in exception of new accessory structures, as the community of new accessory structures.
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CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulative relative to utilities/services ?
☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impa

OTHER FACTORS - 1. General

SETTING/IMPACTS					
Yes No Maybe a. Will the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?					
b. Will the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of t general area or community?	nе 				
c. Will the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land? The project area does not contain any Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland Statewide Importance, nor will it convert agricultural land to other uses.	<u>of</u>				
d. Other factors? N/A	_				
STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS State Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 5, T-20 (Energy Conservation)					
☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ⊠ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS					
☐ Lot size ☐ Project Design ☐ Compatible Use					
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OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety

SE.		G/IIVIP		
a.	Yes	No I	Maybe ⊠	Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?
b.			\boxtimes	Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?
C.				Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?
d.				Have there been previous uses which indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed? There may be previous uses with some contamination within the planning area.
e.				Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
f.				Would the project generate hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
g.				Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment? The project area does not contain hazardous materials sites as referenced in the Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database.
h.				Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip? The project area is not located within an airport land use plan nor is it within the vicinity of any private airstrips or public airports.
I.				Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
j.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use

SE			ACTS	
a.	Yes		Maybe	Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property? No, the proposed project establishes additional development standards within the Altadena CSD hillside management areas which are consistent with existing plan designations of the subject properties.
b.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property? No, the proposed project establishes additional development standards within the Altadena CSD hillside management areas which are consistent with existing designations
C.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria:
		\boxtimes		Hillside Management Criteria?
				SEA Conformance Criteria? <u>No changes to the Hillside Management or SEA criteria, standards or their applicability are proposed.</u>
d.				Would the project physically divide an established community? <u>The proposed Altadena CSD zoning amendment does not physically change the established community of Altadena, nor create potential for a future physical division.</u>
e.				Other factors? <u>N/A</u>
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OTHER FACTORS - <u>4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation</u>

SETTING/IMPACTS						
Yes No Maybe a. Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?	,					
b. Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., throug projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)? The proposed CSD zoning amendment does not create conditions which would induce substantial growth.	h					
c. Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing? The proposed CSD zoning amendment does not create any development that would displace existing housing.	<u>e</u>					
d. Could the project result in a substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increas in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?	e -					
e. Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?						
f. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? The proposed CSD zoning amendment does not create any development that would displace substantial numbers of people. It establishes additional development standards relating to project review, project design, and grading in hillside management areas.	<u>е</u>					
g. Other factors? N/A	_					
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CONCLUSION						
Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to population , housing , employment , or recreational factors?						
☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact						

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made: Yes No Maybe \boxtimes a. Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? Project R2009-02240 is not a development project. This project is a zoning amendment to the Altadena CSD zoning establishing higher levels of regulation in hillside management areas in the community of Altadena. Grading in excess of 2,500 cubic yards and all new development in hillside areas (with the exception of new accessory structures, and additions to single family homes and accessory structures under 1,000 square feet) will require conditional use permitting. The overall intent of this project is to reduce environmental and scenic impacts in the sensitive slopes of the Altadena hillsides through increased regulatory review. Future development under this ordinance will undergo established County procedures for addressing land use. Staff anticipates this ordinance will have a neutral to slightly beneficial effect on environmental quality. \boxtimes b. Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. See answer a of this page. \boxtimes Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? See answer a of this page. CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment? Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation ⊠Less than significant/No impact